

## **House Approves \$1.8 Million in Childers' Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Requests**

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Washington, DC - The U.S. House of Representatives approved \$1.8 million in appropriations requests submitted by Congressman Travis Childers (D-MS) last night to benefit important transportation and development projects in Mississippi's First Congressional District. Through its passage of the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill, the House allocated funding for two projects that will improve transportation infrastructure and promote economic development in North Mississippi.

"It is essential that Mississippi's First Congressional District has the transportation infrastructure it needs to promote economic development and strengthen local communities," said Congressman Childers. "This legislation will ensure that we are able to transport goods and people into and out of the First District, helping to attract, grow, and develop industries throughout the region. I will continue to do everything I can to see that this funding is included in the final legislation and ensure that North Mississippi gets its fair share."

Below are descriptions of the funding requests approved by the House:

- \$1,300,000 - City of Tupelo, MS-Major Thoroughfare Northern Loop. This is an ongoing federal, state, and local transportation project that will dramatically alleviate traffic congestion in the City of Tupelo, MS and the immediate surrounding areas.
- \$500,000 - University of Mississippi Gateway Corridor Project. Physical access to the planned Phase II of the University's Research Park is fundamental to recruiting and retaining private enterprise in close proximity to the University of Mississippi. Phase II of the Research Park will attract a wide range of industry to the University and the region.

*A pro-gun, pro-life Mississippian, Congressman Travis Childers (D-MS) represents the First Congressional District in North Mississippi. He is a member of the fiscally conservative Blue Dog Coalition and serves on the House Agriculture and Financial Services Committee. Congressman Childers co-chairs the reestablished bipartisan Congressional Rural Caucus and was appointed to the bipartisan Second Amendment Task Force. For more information, visit <http://www.childers.house.gov/>*

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